

Capsule Summary

SM-552

Longmore's Subdivision, Lot 1

Leonardtown

Private

c. 1950

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Longmore deliberately incorporated the subdivision into the established street network of Leonardtown. There were several important aspects, however, that distinguished the development from the surrounding townscape. Each parcel (there were 20 in all) measured approximately 64' by 90' and faced both a street and a rear service alley. Longmore purchased surplus military housing and moved the prefabricated homes to the various lots of the subdivision. He also supplied sidewalks, rolled curbs, and street lights. These qualities as well as the even setback, the rear service alley, and spacing of the houses represent characteristics that have come to epitomize modern suburban residential development.

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St. Mary's County
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Modern, 1930-
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture, Community Planning

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function and Use:	Residence
Known Design Source:	None

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SM-552

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Longmore's Subdivision—Lot #1

and/or common

2. Location

street & number NW corner of Shadrick and Duke Streets ☐ not for publication

city, town Leonardtown ☐ vicinity of congressional district 3

state Maryland county St. Mary's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Longmore Associates c/o Rose Marie Weiland

street & number PO Box 892 telephone no.:

city, town California state and zip code Maryland 20619

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber 132

street & number folio 299

city, town Leonardtown state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. SM-552

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The dwelling on Longmore's Subdivision-Lot 1 is located at the northwest corner of Duke and Shadrick Streets in Leonardtown, Maryland. Located on a 64' by 90' lot, the house is situated in a 20 lot subdivision characterized by uniform setbacks, sidewalks, rolled curbs, and a gravel paved rear service alley.

Constructed in the early 1950s, the frame, one story prefabricated dwelling that is situated on Lot 1 of Longmore's Subdivision exhibits a gable roof and L-shaped floor plan. Resting on a cinder block foundation, the building's frame walls are covered with artificial siding. The roof, pierced by two, interior brick chimney flues, is covered with asphalt shingles and exhibits an enclosed cornice.

The east or primary elevation is distinguished by a single door flanked on the north side by a paired set of six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. Both of these bays are shaded by a shallow porch supported by new, square wood supports. To the south of the door is a gable front projection that exhibits paired six-over-six windows accentuated by a pair of non functional batten shutters.

The south elevation consists of three bays--a small six-over-six window flanked on either side by a larger six-over-six window. This elevation also features a metal vent located near the peak of the roof.

The west or alleyside of the building exhibits two six-over-six windows as well as an original shed roof projection that serves as a mud room. Near the juncture of the shed roof projection and the main section is a brick chimney flue that extends well beyond the roof surface.

The north elevation features two, six-over-six windows as well as a vent at the peak of the roof.

The interior was not investigated.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5760 sq ft

Quadrangle name Leonardtown, md

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization St. Mary's County Planning and Zoning

date January 1997

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city or town Leonardtown

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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514-7400

SM-552, Longmore's Subdivision, Lot
St. Mary's County
8.1 Significance

Chain-of-title (Please note that all records can be found in the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse in Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber 132, Folio 299

Grantee: Longmore Associates c/o Rose Marie Weiland

Grantor: Rose T. Longmore

Date: December 13, 1982

Notes: This deed notes that a plat of the property is located at Plat Record CBG 1, Folio 94.

Reference: Liber CBG 71, Folio 27

Grantee: Rose T. Longmore

Grantor: Mary R. Fowler

Date: August 15, 1957

Notes: This deed notes that another plat of the property was completed on July 7, 1950 by George W. Joy, Jr. No other reference for the plat was provided.

Reference: Liber CBG 23, Folio 231

Grantee: J. Abell Longmore

Grantor: J. Maguire and Helen B. Mattingly

Date: June 18, 1949

Notes: Called a "Part of Tudor Hall Farm," the property is sold to J. Abell Longmore who takes out a lien on the property through the County Trust Company of Maryland.

Reference: Liber CBG 13, Folio 397

Grantee: J. Maguire Mattingly, et ux

Grantor: Clarence E. Bright

Date: May 27, 1942

Notes: This deed notes that the tract originally contained 3 1/2 acres.

Reference: Liber JMM 10, Folio 350

Grantee: Clarence E. Bright

Grantor: Sothoron Key, et al

Date: August 24, 1937

Notes: This deed notes that the Tudor Hall Farm contains 536 acres. The sale is the result of a circuit court case (# NE 1816) involving Sothoron Key v. Nellie Maria Key, Augusta G. Key, May S. Key, and Frances May Key.

Reference: Liber EBA 18, Folio 475

Grantee: Sothoron Key, et al

Grantor: L. Allison Wilmer and F. Snowden Hill

Date: December 30, 1919

Notes: In another circuit case (# NE 1287), the property is sold as the result between Mattie M. Key and John B. Key, et al

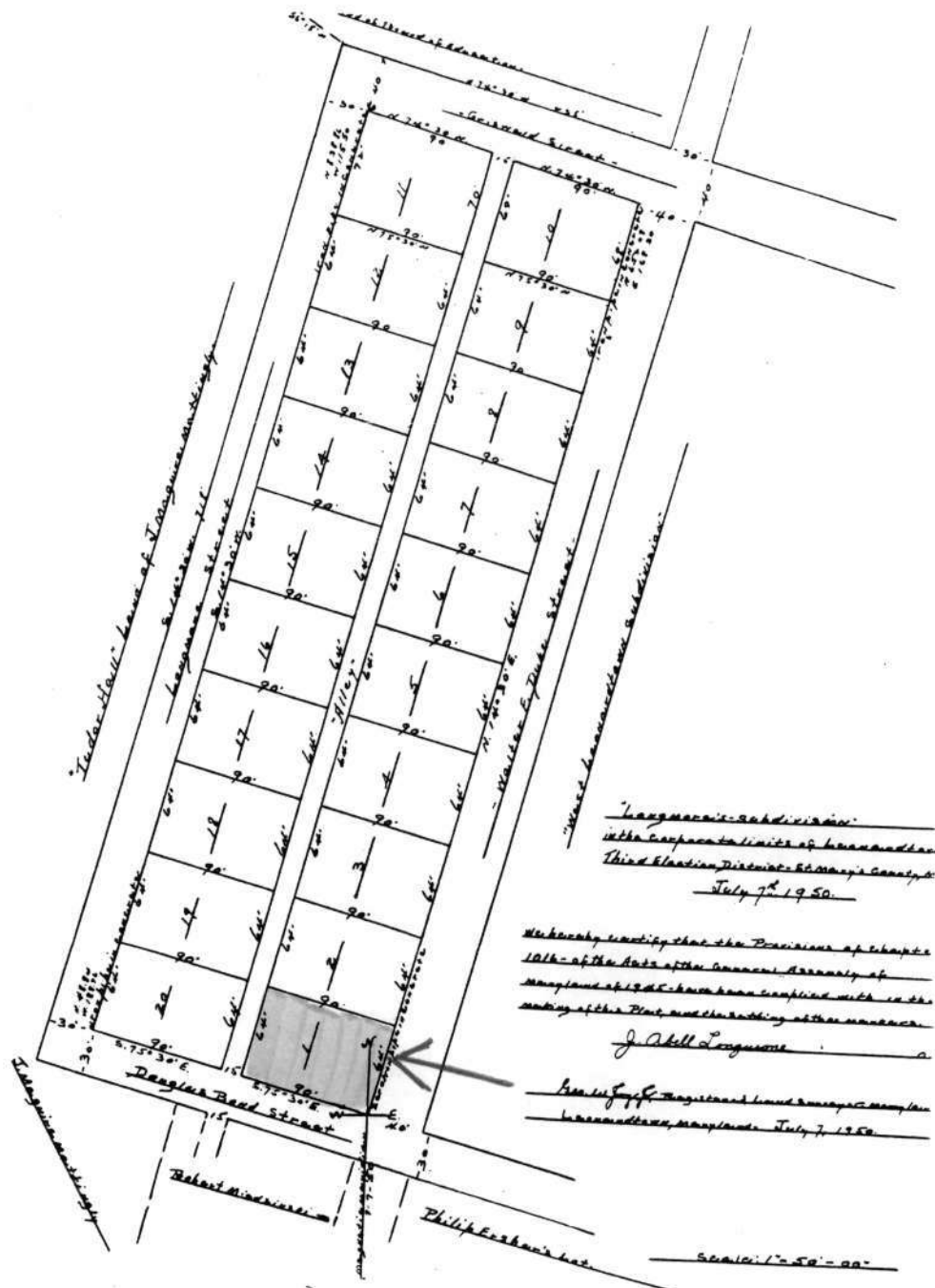
Reference: Liber JFF 9, Folio 64

Grantee: Joseph H. Key

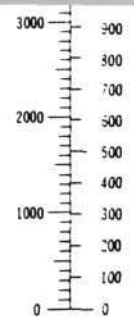
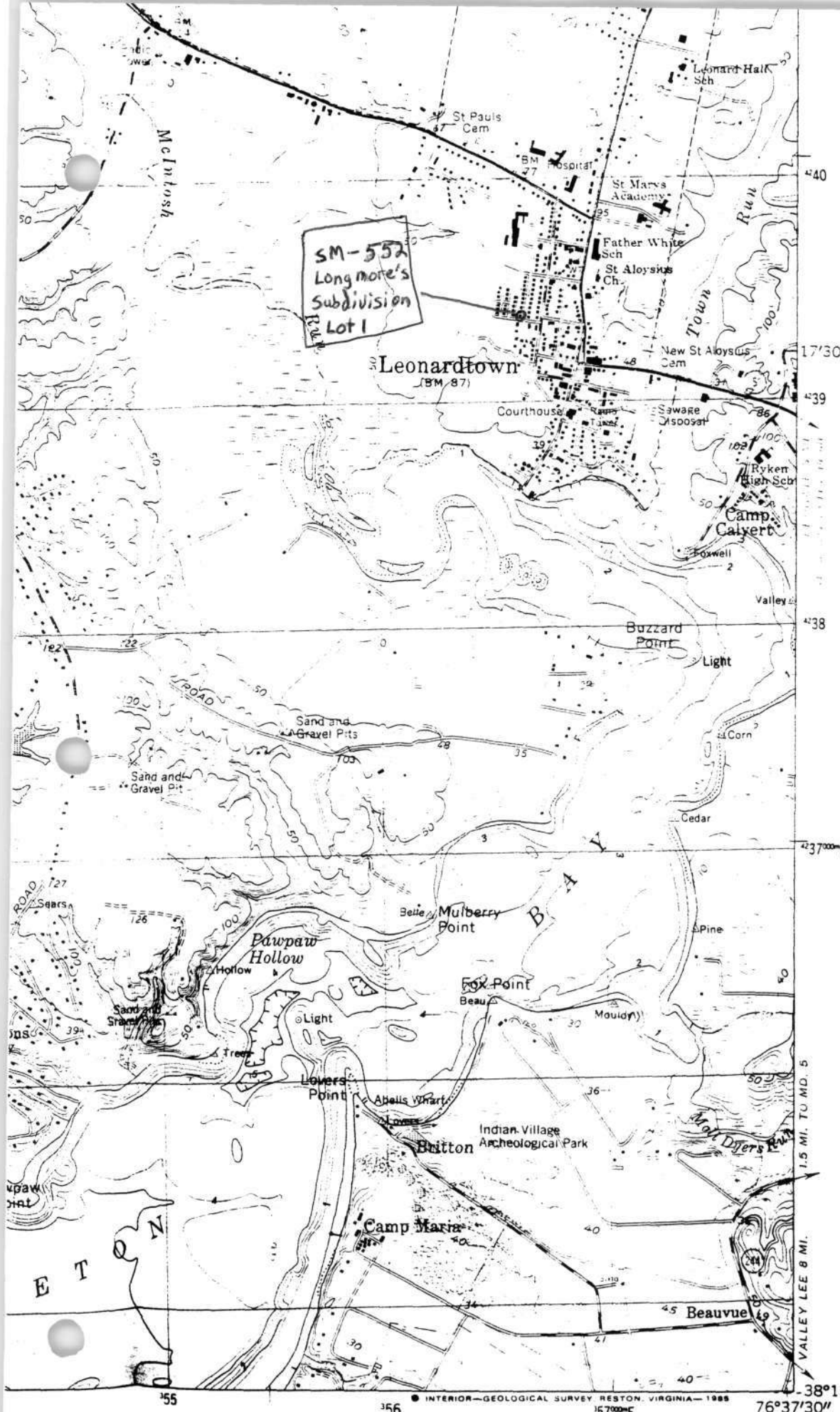
Grantor: Robert C. Combs and Joseph H. Key, trustees

Date: April 15, 1886

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St. Mary's County
8.2 Significance



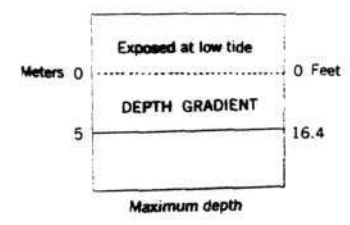
George W. Joy's survey of "Longmore's-Subdivision" made on July 7, 1950.



Feet	Meters
1	3048
2	6096
3	9144
4	12192
5	15240
6	18288
7	21336
8	24384
9	27432
10	30480

To convert feet to meters
multiply by .3048

To convert meters to feet
multiply by 3.2808



LEONARDTOWN, MD.
 SW/4 LEONARDTOWN 15' QUADRANGLE
 38076-C6-TB-024

1963
 BATHYMETRY ADDED 1982
 PHOTOREVISED 1984
 DMA 5660 I SW SERIES V833

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———

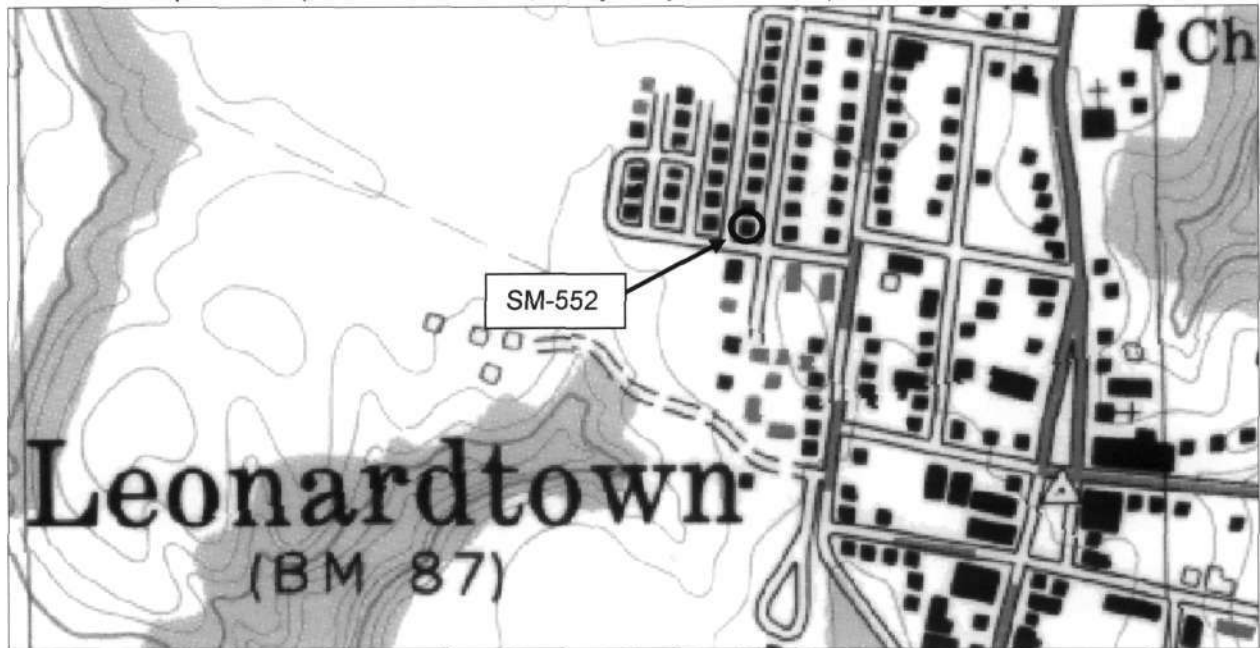
(PINE-Y POINT
5660 II NW)

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Longmore's Subdivision – Lot #1

22735 Duke Street, Leonardtown

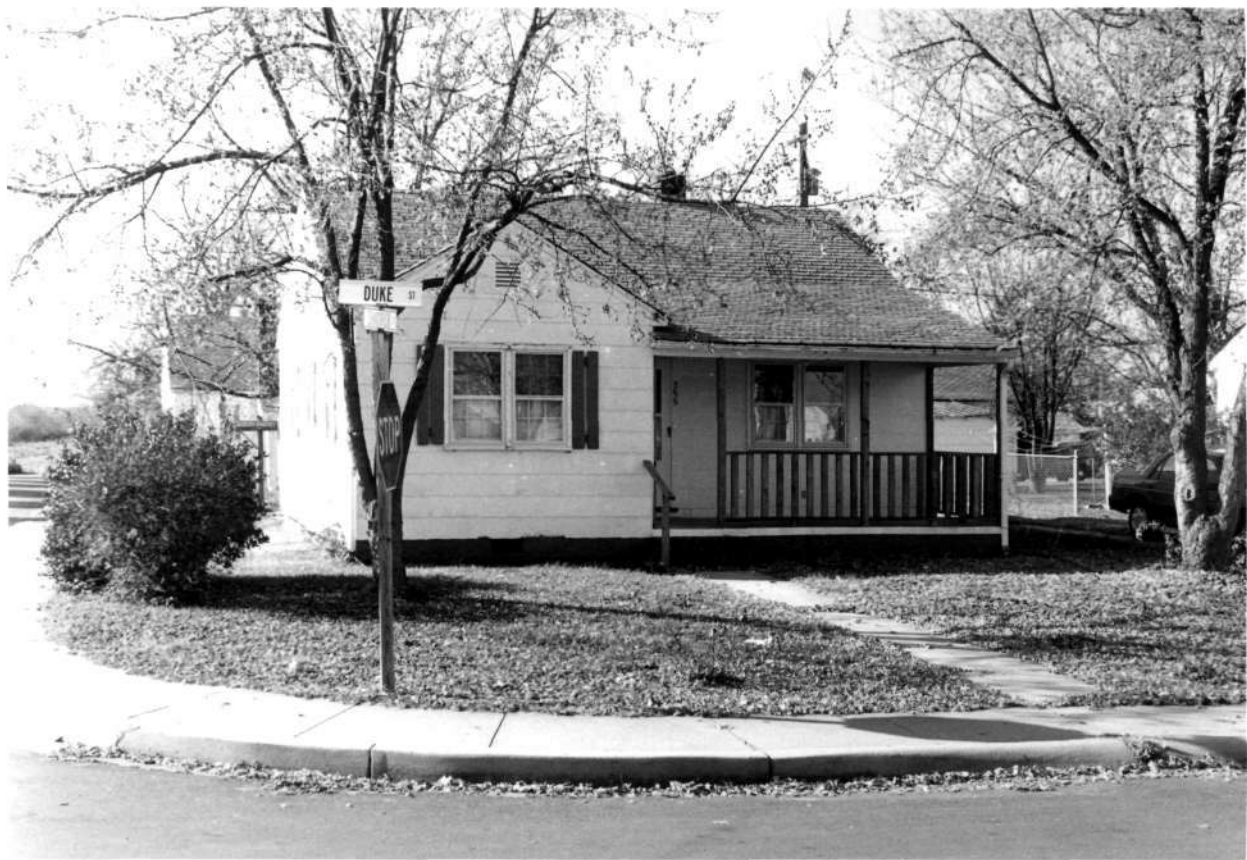
Leonardtown quad 1963 (Photorevised 1984, Bathymetry added 1982)



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map,
c. 2007-08

Tax Map 133, P. 170





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St. Mary's County

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Dec 1996

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E + S elevation

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Longmore's Subdivision, Lot 1

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Dec 1996

Md SHPO

S elevation + alley - looking N

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Longmore's Subdivision, Lot 1

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MD SHPO

Environmental view - looking SW (Lot 1 = left most dwelling)

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